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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7983

BILL NUMBER: HB 2097

DATE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Plumber and Well Driller Continuing Education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X

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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a plumber and an apprentice plumber to have a water well and pump installation contractor license to install or repair water well pumps or water well pumping equipment. The bill provides that a water well and pump installation contractor and a well driller must complete eight hours of continuing education each year. It provides procedures for renewing a delinquent license. It also establishes procedures for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to approve continuing education courses. The Department may not approve a continuing education course that is located or offered in a state other than Indiana.

Effective Date: January 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR would experience an increase in expenses associated with continuing education. The Division of Water would likely need to offer at least five seminars at various sites throughout the state. The cost of the continuing education seminars (meeting rooms, transportation, lodging, guest speakers, etc.) could be offset by registration fees. Existing full time or intermittent staff within the Water Division could possibly organize, implement, and run the program.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill may result in a decrease in the number of licensed drillers, particularly among out-of-state drillers. Applications for a water well and pump installation contractor license must be accompanied by an annual \$100 fee, which is set by statute. There are currently approximately 870 licensed drillers associated with about 450 companies. All fees for this license are deposited in the General Fund. The specific impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

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